



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Patrol

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 204-41, Seat Belt Exemptions

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 46.61.688 (2)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Washington State Patrol Office of Government and Media Relations was contacted by a Senator requesting a seat belt exemption for individuals driving delivery vehicles. The constituent who contacted the Senator requested an exemption similar to what is currently granted to rural mail carriers, rural newspaper delivery carriers, utility meter readers, and refuse/recycling collectors. The proposed language outlines specifically when a commercially-recognized delivery vehicle operator may be exempt from wearing a seat belt system.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Worked with the Senator, the constituent, Office of Government and Media Relations, and solicited input from the Washington Trucking Association, United Parcel Service, and Federal Express.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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